

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1005
By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Frances Cunningham
upon being selected 2006 Miss Tennessee
Senior America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative woman is Frances Cunningham, who was recently crowned Miss Tennessee Senior America for 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Tennessee Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and honor women who have reached the age of elegance; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Tennessee Senior America Pageant awards those women who best exemplify the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans, recognizing that senior citizens are the foundation of America, and that it is upon their knowledge, experience, and resources that younger generations have the opportunity to build a strong society; and

WHEREAS, a native and life-long resident of Crossville, Tennessee, Ms. Cunningham has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life of her fellow citizens in both her civic and professional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cunningham currently serves as Business Manager and Marketing Director for Cumberland Skin and Vein, in which position she has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, before working at Cumberland Skin and Vein, Frances Cunningham was employed with Lake Tansi Village Resort, where she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Lake Tansi Property Owners Association, served as president of two timeshare

associations, and coordinated the University of Tennessee/Lake Tansi Village Invitational Johnny Majors Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and talents to many worthy pageant organizations and activities, Frances Cunningham is a member and serves as the director of the Cumberland County Fairest of the Fair and is the co-director of the Miss Crossville/Miss Upper Cumberland Scholarship Pageant; she has also served as a Board Member of the Tennessee State Fairest of the Fair, Mistress of Ceremonies for the Miss Senior Tennessee America Pageant, and a beauty pageant coach and judge; and

WHEREAS, a tireless volunteer and fundraiser, Ms. Cunningham is founder and director of Ladies' Day Out, which raises money for the Miss Crossville/Miss Upper Cumberland Scholarship Pageant; and

WHEREAS, committed to the youth of the Crossville community, Frances Cunningham has devoted her time and many talents to assisting the Cumberland County High School (CCHS) Marching Band; she served as the sponsor for the CCHS Majorettes for seven years and helped organize and coordinate the Annual CCHS Sweetheart Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Frances Cunningham also coordinated the 1991 Upper Cumberland Marching Band Festival, which hosted over twenty-six bands; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional civic servant, Ms. Cunningham has served as a member of the Crossville Regional Planning Commission for seven years, and she is a long-time member of the Downtown Crossville, Inc., which seeks to revitalize the downtown area of Crossville; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and pageant accomplishments aside, Ms. Cunningham is most thankful for her wonderful daughter, Melanie Bilbrey and son-in-law David, and her grandson Brandon; and

WHEREAS, Frances Cunningham epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Frances Cunningham upon being crowned

2006 Miss Tennessee Senior America, commend her for her meritorious service to the good people of Crossville and Tennessee, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.